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## DR. ALEXANDER D. MORUZI

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 1780]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 1780) for the relief of Dr. Alexander D. Moruzi, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Dr. Alexander D. Moruzi. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born on February 18, 1900, in Rumania and claims to be stateless at the present time. He last arrived in the United States on September 30, 1950, as a visitor destined to St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. as an exchange student. He came here from Venezuela where he was a professor in the medical school in Merida and also served in the department of surgery in the hospital at Los Andes in Merida. He is presently on the staff of St. Mary's Hospital and information is to the effect that his services are urgently needed.

A letter dated January 7, 1952, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to the case reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
Washington, January 7, 1952.

Hon. PAT McCARRAN,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 1780) for the relief of Dr. Alexander D. Moruzi, an alien.

The bill would provide that Dr. Moruzi shall be considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of its enactment, upon payment of the required visa fee and head tax. It would also direct the Secretary of State to instruct the quota-control officer, upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien, to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that Dr. Moruzi, who claims to be stateless, is a native of Rumania, having been born in Bucharest, on February 18, 1900. He and Mrs. Moruzi arrived at the port of New Orleans, La., on September 30, 1950, via plane, and were admitted under section 3 (2) of the Immigration Act of 1924 as temporary visitors until March 30, 1951. At the time of arrival he was destined to St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., as an exchange student. His daughter, Sanda Marie Jeann Moruzi, who was born in Rumania on December 12, 1936, had preceded him to this country, having been temporarily admitted for 6 months on December 10, 1949, for the purpose of studying at the French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion, Kansas City, Mo.

After receiving his medical degree, he became a professor of surgery and director of a hospital in Yassy, Rumania, during the period from 1933 to May 1947. During World War II, he served in the Rumanian Army as a surgeon from June 1941 to August 1945. Part of that time he was chief of the Rumanian Red Cross hospitals. Fearing arrest for his anti-Communist activities he left Rumania by plane on May 19, 1947, with seven other refugees and landed in Istanbul, Turkey. On July 10, 1947, he departed for Geneva, Switzerland, to join his wife and child who had preceded him to that country. He stated that he left Rumania illegally. The alien and his family went to Merida, Venezuela, in September 1948. During his residence in that country he became a professor in the medical school in Merida and also served in the department of surgery in the hospital at Los Andes in Merida.

The wife and daughter of the alien reside with him. His son, George Alexander Moruzi, resides in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The alien has been employed since September 1951 as a surgeon and assistant to Dr. John E. Castles who is employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad. His total monthly earnings amount to \$775. The alien claims never to have been arrested and that he has never been a member of the Communist Party or any other subversive organization.

The quota of Rumania to which the alien is chargeable is oversubscribed and a quota immigration visa is not readily obtainable. In this respect his case is similar to those of numerous other aliens who desire to enter the United States for permanent residence but are unable to do so because of the oversubscribed condition of the quotas to which they are chargeable. In recent years many aliens have effected their entries into the United States as nonimmigrants as Dr. Moruzi has done and have thereafter attempted to adjust their immigration status to permanent residence through the medium of special legislation. The record in his case fails to present facts which would justify the enactment of special legislation granting him a preference over others who remain abroad and follow the procedure prescribed by law in obtaining permanent entry into the United States.

Accordingly, this Department is unable to recommend enactment of this measure.

Sincerely,

A. DEVITT VANECH,  
*Deputy Attorney General.*

Senator Brien McMahon, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the bill:

INFORMATION REGARDING ALEXANDER DEMETRIO MORUZI, M. D., KANSAS CITY, MO.

Born in Bucharest, Rumania, on February 18, 1900.

Grammar school in Rumania.

High school in Paris, France.

College in Paris, France.

School of medicine in Paris, France. Graduated in 1929.

Extern and intern of the hospitals of Paris, 1929-29.

Assistant professor of surgery for 3 years in Bucharest, Rumania, and for neurology, 3 years, in Iassy, Rumania.

Professor of surgery at the Medical School of Iassy, Rumania, 1938-47.

Head surgeon, Caritatea Hospital, Iassy, Rumania, 1932-47.

I have never interfered with politics, for which I have no interest. I have never been registered with any political party. But I fought the best I could against communism after the Russian invasion of Rumania, in 1944, until I was obliged to escape, on May 19, 1947, from my native country in order to avoid arrest.

From July 1947 until September 1948, I lived in Switzerland, where I joined my wife and children, whom I had the foresight to send there (my wife is Swiss) just before the Russian invasion.

Professor of surgery at the School of Medicine in Merida, Venezuela, from October 1948 until October 1950.

Chief of a department of surgery in the Hospital los Andes, Merida, Venezuela, from April 1949 till October 1950.

Intern in St. Mary's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., since October 1, 1950.

I have married Miss Susan Marie Pauline de Weck, born on June 30, 1900, in Estavayer-le-Lac, Switzerland.

We have two children: George, born on April 25, 1933, and Sanda, born on December 12, 1936, both in Iassy, Rumania.

My wife and daughter are here, in Kansas City; my son is in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

KANSAS CITY, MO., June 18, 1952.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

As the radiologist for St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., I have had daily contact with Alexander D. Moruzi, M. D., for the past 20 months. During this entire time Dr. Moruzi has shown excellent cooperation and has always conducted himself as a gentleman and a scholar. In all cases he has arrived at his evaluation by very logical reasoning and has proceeded with a carefully planned course. His care of patients has been individualized and has been directed without regard to personal sacrifice of time and energy. Major procedures, such as gastric resections, have been performed with expert skill. Reexamination of these cases postoperatively has verified surgical skill by demonstrating excellent results.

I have admired Dr. Moruzi's reactions under adverse circumstances. I have had only this occasion to see a capable surgeon suddenly reduced to an intern. The past was allowed to remain as past and he began to follow directions from the various staff members. It was with pleasure that I have seen this surgeon rise again to the point where his knowledge and experience is available to all.

In addition to my contact with Dr. Moruzi I have had the pleasure of meeting his wife and son. These meetings have been both social and professional and graciousness and sincerity strike me as being a characteristic of the entire family.

I sincerely believe that the spirit and the technical skill of Dr. Moruzi would be an asset to the United States of America.

WILLIAM M. KITCHEN, M. D.

Senator James P. Kem has submitted numerous letters and affidavits in behalf of the beneficiary of the bill, among which are the following:

MISSOURI PACIFIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION,

June 28, 1952.

Hon. JAMES P. KEM,

Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SIR: Supplementing the data which my good friend, Mr. W. C. Shank, is sending you today, I am sending this letter of recommendation on our Dr. Alexandre D. Moruzi. I am sure that you know Dr. William Kitchen, who is an associate of Dr. E. R. Deweese here.

We hasten to add that if there is any other information which will be of value to you in aiding Dr. Moruzi, you need only to call on us. We shall spare no efforts to supply any and all data.

Let me assure you of the appreciation of the entire Missouri Pacific Hospital Association for your consideration in aiding Dr. Moruzi. If you could only meet the man, you would be assured that he is all that we claim for him. Again our appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

EMILY C. CARTER,  
*Office Manager.*

P. S.—C. F. Dougherty, general manager of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, is mailing you a plea in Moruzi's behalf.

E. C.

DRS. HUNT, CUMMINS & COPE,  
*Kansas City, Mo., June 27, 1952.*

Hon. JIM KEM,  
*United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SENATOR: I am writing you relative to Dr. Alexandre Demetrio Moruzi, who has been in the United States since September 1950 on a visa from Venezuela, having formerly lived in Rumania. He escaped the Communists in 1947 and entered Switzerland, later going to Venezuela. He was assistant and later professor of surgery in the University of Rumania. After going to Venezuela he was associated with the medical school.

He is now associated with Dr. J. E. Castles, of Kansas City, Mo., and works with him at St. Mary's Hospital. He is a well trained general surgeon and is capable of doing all kinds of major surgery and does it well. During his stay in Kansas City he has had an excellent reputation, is well known among the doctors and has an ethical standing.

His visa has now expired and the question of deportation is being considered. The problem now is to get an immigrant visa either upon the private bill which was introduced before the Senate by Senator McMahon, bill No. 1780, or under the present omnibus bill.

I would like to see this man retained in Kansas City and some extended arrangement made for his immigration status. If you can be of any service to him it will be appreciated by me and the many doctors in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

CLAUDE J. HUNT, M. D.

P. S.—I think Mr. Pot Shank talked to you by phone this morning about Dr. Moruzi.

C. H.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 27, 1952.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

This is to certify that I have known Dr. Alexandre D. Moruzi since October 1950.

During the period of his residency in St. Mary's Hospital and subsequently his association with Dr. J. E. Castles, I have had the opportunity to observe a great deal of his work.

He is an unusually well trained general surgeon who does all types of major surgery efficiently.

He has mature surgical judgment and is a credit to the surgical staff at St. Mary's Hospital.

His ethical standing is irreproachable and in my opinion would make a very desirable citizen of the United States.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK B. CAMPBELL, M. D.,  
*President, Jackson County Medical Society.*

STATE OF MISSOURI,  
*County of Jackson, ss:*

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 27th day of June 1952.

[SEAL]

EMILY C. CARTER,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires November 23, 1954.

MISSOURI PACIFIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION,  
June 25, 1952.

*To Whom It May Concern:*

This letter is written to endorse professionally and personally Alexandre D. Moruzi, M. D. His training, professional experience, and related data are set out on the attached résumé.

In October 1950, Dr. Moruzi came to St. Mary's Hospital of Kansas City, Mo., where he served as an intern for 1 year. During that time I had an opportunity to observe first-hand the work that he did, his interest in the patients who came under his care, and his attitude toward those with whom he worked and under whose supervision he was carrying out his service. I was struck, as were my colleagues, with his purposeful, methodical, kindly, and, above all, his highly intelligent, approach to his work. It is not often that one finds a skilled technician, one so highly trained and capable, and yet having such a definite spirit of humility about it all.

Since October 1951 Dr. Moruzi has served on the staff of the Missouri Pacific Hospital Association as assistant surgeon. He has an outstanding interest and a definite ability in the field of abdominal surgery, particularly relating to gastrointestinal surgery. Since he has been in our organization, he has done a considerable number of interventions, some of them very difficult cases (including total and subtotal gastrectomy, gastroenterostomy, enteroenterostomy, subtotal gastrectomy with resection of the jejunal loop on which a previous gastroenterostomy had been performed, and a Roux anastomosis, and numerous other procedures). The outcome in each case has been highly favorable. Dr. Moruzi is convincing and confidence inspiring with his patients, and they respond and cooperate in a remarkable way.

My evaluation of this man's character can scarcely be put into words. Were I to attempt to state my frank opinion, it would seem to be so thoroughly complimentary as to be overdone. Suffice it to say I have an unqualified admiration for him. He devotes his entire life to the care of his patients and his family. He is possessed of an integrity which is refreshing in this era of corruption in which we find ourselves.

In summary, let me state that being as thoroughly well acquainted with Alexandre Moruzi as I am, I can ferret out not the slightest objection that could be raised to his being granted citizenship to our United States, and there are scores of reasons for his being extended all the privileges of this great country—his skill, his training, his ability to handle people so remarkably, his moral uprightness, and the sum total of all the qualities that make many of us who take our citizenship all too lightly to feel very unworthy indeed.

Very truly yours,

J. E. CASTLES, M. D.,  
District Surgeon.

STATE OF MISSOURI,  
County of Jackson, ss:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 25th day of June 1952.

[SEAL]

EMILY C. CARTER,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires November 23, 1954.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 1780) should be enacted.

